

## News Release

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## COUNTY CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR CLEAN CHESAPEAKE COALITION

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today unanimously approved \$25,000 for additional expenditures to Funk & Bolton, Attorneys at Law, for their continuing work on behalf of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition, formerly called the Total Maximum Daily Load Coalition (TMDL).

Last November, Frederick County entered into the coalition with Allegany, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester and Kent Counties at an initial membership expenditure of \$25,000. These counties each contributed \$25,000 for a total of \$175,000 to retain the services of Funk & Bolton.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "Frederick County has been required to follow some very onerous state regulations, but we must continue to voice our objections to these burdensome requirements through every means possible. We believe that Funk & Bolton will help our county by using their experience and expertise to represent our position before the state legislature.

"We commend Board Vice President C. Paul Smith for taking the lead on this issue. His actions have gained the respect and attention of county, state and elected officials who are concerned about this issue. He has worked closely with our in-house expert, Shannon Moore of the Community Development Division, in researching and producing information that has opened the eyes of the legislature. We thank him for doing a superb job for rural counties, the state and Frederick County.

"Remember – we are not opposed to reasonable efforts to clean up the Bay. But, along with the coalition members, we believe that it should be done in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner."

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